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DAIRIES CUT PAY AND UNIONS HAVE VOTED TO STRIKE

Notices of 8 Per Cent Reduction for Drivers and Stablers, Effective March 1, Are Posted.

EMPLOYEES DECLARE ACTION UNJUSTIFIED

Agent Says 'It Is Up to the Companies to Decide If They Want to Wreck Their Own Business.'

Following the posting today of notices of an 8 per cent wage cut for drivers and stablers by local dairies employing union men, Harry Norman, business agent of Local Union No. 603, announced that the men voted last Thursday night to strike in resistance to any wage cut. Norman subsequently stated that a strike might be called next Wednesday morning unless employers change their attitude at a conference with union officers scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

According to the notice posted by the 22 dairies employing union men, the reduction takes effect March 1 on guaranteed wages, which are \$39 a week for drivers on retail routes, \$40 a week for wholesale routes, and \$36.50 for stable help.

No change in commissions, figured at 1 cent a point for retail drivers and 1/2 cent for wholesale routes above a certain percentage, is planned.

Drivers will also continue to receive their annual 10-day vacation with pay.

Norman explained that the union had withheld publication of the strike vote because of the scheduled conference with employers on the wage question set for next Tuesday.

"The dairies appear to have taken a sudden and peculiar stand on this question," Norman asserted. "We wish it to be known that our members are ready to resist to the utmost any effort to reduce wages."

The proposed reduction is not justified, and will only add to the general depression. If the employment attempt to enforce the reduction there will be a strike. It is up to the company officers to determine whether they want to wreck their own business. Apparently the notices posted today are for the purpose of forcing the wage cut."

There are 1100 men in the union representing the various classifications. Norman explained that 760 attended a Thursday meeting at which the vote to strike rather than accept a cut in pay was passed with only 10 dissenting ballots.

"The fact remains that we still have to pay rent or taxes, buy food, clothing and other necessities, and we can see no good reason for taking a cut," Norman said.

A company officer said the wage cut was agreed on by employers as an economic necessity." The officer explained that the average income of a driver from salary and commissions combined is between \$200 and \$250 a month.

The last wage agreement between the union and employers expired Nov. 1 after being in effect four years.

BRITISH PREMIER 'DEPLORES' STATE OF THINGS AT SHANGHAI

MacDonald Tells Constituents That 'For the Moment' He Asks No Blame.

By the Associated Press.

THORNLAY, Durham, England, Jan. 29.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald told a crowd of his constituents last night that the state of things at Shanghai is deplorable.

"Apart from the details of diplomacy, I express without reserve the moral and rational regret of everybody that statements should happen which I should continue to do. The moment I assign no blame, I take no sides, but the experience is a very disappointing one."

It was the Prime Minister's first visit to his constituency since the election campaign last fall.

On the subject of German reparations, the Prime Minister made this declaration: "We have to stick to the problem of reparations until that error has been wiped off the history of Europe."

The audience was silent as MacDonald touched on home affairs, saying: "Last week I strove almost literally day and night to keep the Nations' Government from embarrassing me. Next week, so soon as the rules of the House of Commons enable, a program which, so far as it goes, will assist the finances of this country and its trade will be produced."

About 75 per cent of the crowd of 500 or so were women. One of them stood and demanded cheers for the Prime Minister and they were given half-heartedly.

NO NEW CASES FOR CITIZENS' RELIEF AFTER TOMORROW

Only \$300,000 in Sight and It Will Be Entirely Exhausted in Six Weeks—60,000 to Go Hungry.

\$1,325,000 NEEDED TO COMPLETE YEAR

Chairman Tom K. Smith Makes Public Two Letters to Mayor in Which Decision Is Made Known.

The Citizens' Committee on Relief and Employment today announced that it would not take any new relief cases after tomorrow; also that with only \$300,000 of funds in sight it would have to abandon its work altogether within six weeks unless additional funds are forthcoming.

Tom K. Smith, chairman, said the committee would continue to handle the emergency relief and employment cases it now has, carrying them along until its funds are exhausted.

Letter to Mayor Miller. The gravity of the relief situation was pointed out to Mayor Miller by Chairman Smith in the following letter:

Dear Mr. Mayor: At a meeting of the Executive Committee held Friday afternoon the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"Resolved, That because the Citizens' Committee on Relief and Employment will be without funds on Feb. 1, it must terminate its relief and employment activities, and that in winding up such activities of the committee the directing staff be instructed to make no expenditures beyond the amounts yet to be received during the course of the year from the joint campaign of the Community Fund and the Citizens' Committee on Relief and Employment."

It is our belief that about six weeks will be required to end the committee's relief and employment activities. In the meantime, we shall notify all agencies now receiving funds from the Citizens' Committee of this decision in order that they may shut down their machinery for taking care of the emergency load."

The necessity for taking such drastic action is deeply regrettable. It means throwing thousands of people upon their own resources to obtain food or money for living when there is no work. Let it be a decision forced upon our committee by the plain fact that the funds on hand are entirely exhausted, and neither the city nor the public has responded to the call for additional money."

This is both a decision and a last appeal. We are fully aware of the serious consequences of refusing all further applications for help, and of gradually turning 60,000 people now receiving relief, out to shift for themselves. Respectfully submitted,

TOM K. SMITH, Chairman. Another Letter Made Public.

Chairman Smith also made public a letter to the Mayor, written Jan. 25, preceding a conference held at the Mayor's office with civic leaders, who adjourned adjourned to a special call of the City Council.

This conference was called by the Mayor following the city administration's refusal to appropriate \$500,000 more for the Citizens' Relief Committee, to which it already has given \$500,000.

Chairman Smith's letter of that date:

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At your meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27, a representative group of civic and business leaders will be told of St. Louis' inability to meet its relief needs:

That you and your conference may have clearly in view the extent of the emergency, I wish to submit this brief summary of the facts as your Citizens' Committee knows them.

St. Louis will need, according to the most careful estimates, \$1,325,000 to prevent the actual starvation of 60,000 people between now and Jan. 1, 1933. There will be available over a period of the next 11 months, from money that will be collected during the year on the pledges secured in the recent combined drive of the Community Fund and the Citizens' Committee, approximately \$300,000, not one penny of which is available now.

At today's rate of expenditure, and taking into account every available dollar from voluntary funds and from city appropriations, the committee on Feb. 1

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RAILROAD CHIEFS REFUSE UNIONS' COMPROMISE PLAN

Ignore Counter-Proposals
and Stand Pat on Original
Demand for 10 Per Cent
Wage Cut.

DANIEL WILLARD STATES POSITION

Labor Spokesman Says Offer Would Make \$70,000,000 Available for Relief of Jobless.

By the Associated Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—The railroad presidents stood pat today on their rejection of compromise plans offered by the 20 railway brotherhoods at their joint wage conference.

With only passing reference to counter proposals, Daniel Willard, spokesman for the carriers, turned back to a reiteration of the fundamental demand that union employees accept a 10 per cent deduction from their pay checks for a year.

The conference seemed to be near a deadlock, although each side professed to hold hope for an eventual settlement of the problems of wages and unemployment.

Said Willard, for the carriers: "A flat 10 per cent deduction is essential to us to finance the

Said David B. Robertson for the brotherhoods: "Something must be done for the unemployed railroad workers who are in need. We feel that our offer to accept a 14 per cent cut outright, and deduct another 3 1/2 per cent for direct relief of unemployed employees and for additional employment is not unfair."

Robertson said that "we both made another attempt to change the point of view of each other." The upshot was that the presidents put it up to labor to make the next move. The 20 brotherhoods delayed their conference briefly among themselves, went to New York again. It was possible, Robertson said, that another joint session might be held late in the day or tonight.

"If we give in, or if they give in, it might be concluded any moment of course," the labor chairman observed. "Otherwise, I don't know when we'll be through."

The joint conference began two weeks ago yesterday. Labor delegates have been conferring here for three weeks.

Robertson said under labor's plan approximately \$70,000,000 would be available for relief purposes and employment of more men.

CONGRESSMAN FISH PROPOSES LIMIT ON CORPORATION PROFITS

All Earnings Above 10 Per Cent
Would Go to Stockholders and
Employees.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Representative Fish (Rep.), New York, proposed in the House yesterday that corporations be permitted to earn only 10 per cent on their assets and that the rest be divided among the stockholders and employees. He said the Federal Government should control such a division of dividends under a licensing plan.

"It is my suggestion to see that no person starves or is even undernourished," said Fish. He scored the failure of the House to get action on the bill to distribute surplus Farm Board wheat to the needy.

"It is an utter disgrace that we have an over-abundance of foodstuffs while millions are undernourished," he said.

PHILADELPHIA JUDGES REFUSE PAY CUT, SALARIES HELD UP

Controller Says He Will Demand
Showdown in Attempt to
Reduce Budget.

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Controller Hadley yesterday ordered the Jan. 15 and Jan. 31 county payrolls held indefinitely. The action followed a conference of Judges of the Court of Common Pleas at which it was decided employees of the Court would not accept reductions in pay. President Judge William C. Ferguson advised Hadley that the pay was set by the Legislature and that right to mandamus the City Treasurer for full pay was given.

Hadley said he would demand a showdown with county department heads over reductions in payrolls. Pay of city employees has been reduced materially, in some instances 25 per cent.

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WHAT EUROPEAN ONE-MAN FIRM POWERS PROPOSED TO LOST \$300,000; IN EVENT OF WAR ASSETS NOW \$4

Britain Probably Will Act Only Through League of Nations Says Unofficial Spokesman.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—An unofficial spokesman said today Great Britain's attitude toward a declaration of war between China and Japan probably would be to act only through the League of Nations.

The League Council was not in session, he said, and the circumstances were favorable for immediate action such as it might decide to take.

Socialist Deputy Asks Attitude of France.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Marius Monod, Socialist member of the Chamber of Deputies, filed an interpellation against William Pennington of Bristol, in the Chamber asking what Mo., president of the Pennington, France proposed to do about the bloody events in China which have reached a state of insolvency, with listed assets of \$15,971.

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Contestants for National Beauty Crown

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AL CAPONE TREATED "JUST LIKE ANY OTHER PRISONER"

Cook County Grand Jurors Call at Jail to Check Up on Rights of Prisoners.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Members of the county grand jury dropped in on "Scarface" Al Capone at his cell in jail yesterday to check up on vague reports that he was enjoying special privileges.

Capone, awaiting decision on an appeal of his conviction and 11-year sentence, refused to comment on the reports.

Informed of her husband's death, the widow, Mrs. Dorothy Case, said, "Well, she won't be here." She is satisfied now.

The bodies were discovered by the apartment manager, when he smelled gas escaping into a hallway. Four gas jets of the kitchen stove were open.

EX-BOY, SMITH'S SON CLEARED

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Walter J. Smith, 22 years old, youngest son of former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, was cleared yesterday of a charge of having killed Harry Wallace, on Jan. 15.

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MAYOR PROPOSES NEW BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION

Submits Bill to Aldermen to Create Department to Control Carriers That Use Streets.

SERVICE CARS AND BUSESSES AFFECTED

No Specific Mention of Publicly Owned Transit Facilities Should They Be Acquired.

Mayor Miller, in a bill submitted to the Board of Aldermen yesterday, proposed the establishment of a division of transportation in the Department of Public Utilities to have general authority over all public transportation agencies operating on the streets.

Commissioner of Transportation, to be appointed by the Director of Public Utilities, would be at the head of the division and he would have necessary assistants. The proposed ordinance did not specify the salaries.

In a letter to the Board of Aldermen the Mayor said this legislation was necessary pending the report of the Special Transportation Committee.

Yesterday, Mayor Miller recommended this to the special counsel, former Congressman Cleveland A. Newton, for public ownership of the transit system, provided the facilities could be acquired at a fair price.

Both Newton and the committee members were opposed to political operation of the system and Newton suggested the creation of a non-political board of control.

The aldermanic committee took Newton's suggestion under consideration and will hold meetings beginning Feb. 11, to discuss it.

The growth of bus and service car transportation was said by Mayor Miller to require such supervision as he proposed. "The abandonment of street cars in favor of buses and the promiscuous entry of service cars into the transportation field," he said in his letter, "have created a problem which I feel requires your earnest and immediate attention."

He said that since 1927 more than 26 miles of single track street car lines had been abandoned with the consent of the State Public Service Commission, and the law has complete control of street railway operations. There were now 255 buses and 750 service cars in operation, he said.

The city has exclusive control over motor vehicles providing public transportation over its streets and at present the Board of Public Service regulates buses and the Department of Streets and Sewers controls service cars except for incidental regulation by the Board of Public Service.

Mayor Miller urged that control be centralized under a transportation commission.

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Seattle's Royal Daughter of India Comes Home for a Visit



COTTON BELT DEFICIT

LESS FOR '31 THAN '30

Deficiency Last Year \$291,916
Compared With \$445,481
Previous One.

A deficit of \$291,916.96 was incurred by the Cotton Belt Railway in 1931, compared with a deficit of \$445,481.34 remaining at the end of 1930. It is shown in the road's condensed income statement.

The ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues, which was 77.44 per cent in 1930, was cut to 76.82 per cent last year, as a result of curtailment of expenditures.

Operating revenues for last year amounted to \$17,950,571.89, as against \$21,881,314.05 the year before, while operating expenses last year were \$15,659,250.36, or only about three-quarters of the amount spent in 1930, which was \$16,944.

After deduction of taxes and uncollectible revenues—\$1,070,250.17 last year and only a trifle higher in 1930—and other accounting additions and subtractions, there was a gross balance, before fixed charges, of \$2,732,921.62 last year, an increase over the \$2,402,525 figure of 1930. However, fixed charges amounted to \$3,024,823.60 last year and \$2,846,006.16 the year before. These fixed charges all have been paid.

The 1931 deficit, said F. H. McIlholland, comptroller of the Cotton Belt, occurred during the first four months of the year, when betterments of the property were being carried out in spite of the continuing reduction of revenue.

Net Income \$26,045.

For December, 1931, the Cotton Belt had a net income of \$26,445.42, compared with a deficit of \$14,108.54 in December, 1930. The ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues was 66.49 per cent last month, while it was 62.69 per cent in December a year ago. Operating revenues last month was \$1,352,000.02, and operating expenses were \$1,351,956.74. Revenue in December, 1930, was \$1,431,922.15 and operating expenses were \$1,184,092.46.

Income last month was \$1,046,611.69 before deduction of \$275,592.79 in fixed charges, compared with income of only \$11,113.82 in December, 1930, before deduction of \$266,222.42 in fixed charges.

Last Monday the Interstate Commerce Commission authorized the Southern Pacific lines to take over control of the Cotton Belt by acquisition of all the Cotton Belt stock not already held by the Southern Pacific.

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WHOLESALE DRUGS,
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Improvement in Hardware
Chemicals and Grocery
Lines Also Noted in
Eighth Reserve District

Business improvement is seen in several important manufacturing and wholesaling lines including shoes, dry goods, drugs, hardware, chemicals and groceries, according to the monthly review for the Eighth Federal Reserve District.

A noticeable improvement has taken place in these lines since Jan. 1, and the review states, the character of the buying indicates actual needs for merchandise. Manufacturers of iron, steel and other commodities of the more permanent sort report an increased number of inquiries. The failure of some special sales in the retail trade is attributed to the variety of goods displayed, and there is now more evidence of a disposition to replenish stocks than was noted in several previous months.

The closing weeks of December witnessed the lowest point during the present depression in the general level of trade and industry in the Eighth District, the report declares. With the exception of department stores and some specialized branches affected by holiday trade, all lines of industry and trade investigated showed decline from November to December, and a decrease as compared with the same period in 1930, and the average during the past several years. Distribution was held down partially by the unseasonably high temperatures.

Sharp Drop in Autos.

Automobile sales decreased sharply in December, being lower than in December, 1930. The production of bituminous coal, lead and zinc, lumber and general building materials also declined.

Department store sales in December were 48.3 per cent greater in December than in November, but 12.6 per cent less than in the corresponding month in 1930. For the year the decline was 12.7 per cent below 1930. Wholesale and jobbing firms had a light month in December, and the year's business was 16 per cent below the 1930 total.

Construction contracts let in December were twice as great as in November, but 34 per cent less than December, 1930. The 1931 total was 42 per cent smaller than 1930, and 42 per cent less than the average during the past seven years.

The Terminal Railroad, handling interchanges for 28 lines, interchanged 127,311 loads in December, the smallest volume for any month during the last 10 years. Total tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans was 166,000 tons in December and 1,168,296 tons for the year, as compared with 1,149,374 tons in 1930.

Grocery Sales Decline.

Contrary to the usual seasonal trend, sales of electrical supplies showed an increase in December over November, but were one-third smaller than December, 1930.

Production at 12 leading flour mills in the district in December totaled 262,589 barrels, against 257,618 in the previous December. December sale of groceries was 8 per cent lower than November, and 17 per cent less than December, 1930.

Drugs and chemicals showed a further decline, sales for December being about one-fifth smaller than in the preceding December. Furniture sales were one-fourth smaller in December than a year previous, and stocks were 42 per cent smaller than in Jan. 1 a year ago.

Public utilities in the five largest cities in the district report consumption of electrical current by selected industrial customers as being 11.6 per cent less in December than a year ago.

Recent rains have made up for the deficiency in soil moisture resulting from the drought, and the mild winter is favorable to agriculture, the report states. Due to low prices, however, crop movements to market are slow, and crop reserves on farms are larger than usual at this time of year. Yields of fruits and vegetables were the largest in recent years, although the return to farmers was much smaller due to lack of demand. Because of cheap feed and mild weather the condition of livestock is excellent, although marketing has slowed down.

Changes in the banking and general financial situation were of minor character. Demand for credit continued in limited volume, and there was a further recession in the call for funds to finance stocks, bonds and other investments. There was the usual demand for money incident to taxes, interest and dividend disbursements.

GOT JOBS FOR 6783 IN 1931

By the Associated Press.
JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 30.—The free employment bureaus of the State Labor and Inspection Department placed 6783 persons during 1931 out of 20,264 applications. Mrs. Amanda Hargis, State Labor Commissioner, has announced.

Following is a summary:

Place	Applicants	Placed
Springfield	505	502
Jefferson City	549	571
St. Joseph	2202	5548
St. Louis	1504	4721
Kansas City	1762	4099

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WHAT A REACH!

IN THE CHINESE SECTION OF SHANGHAI

TRYING TO BLOW ITS HEAD OFF



This is Honan road, not far from the banks of the Whangpoo River, where Japanese warships anchored to land the marines who recently took possession of the native section of the city.

MEXICAN MASKS AT ART MUSEUM



Part of exhibit collected at the suggestion of the late Dwight Morrow, when he was Ambassador to Mexico, and now in St. Louis with examples of native paintings and ceramic art.



COL. R. S. HOOKER, in command of United States Marines in Shanghai.



MISS EVELYN CUSHING, winner of Chicago beauty contest, who now goes to New York to represent Illinois in national competition.



ADMIRAL MONTGOMERY M. TAYLOR, now stationed in the Philippines, who is actually in charge of operations of Asiatic fleet, including vessels at Shanghai.

LOCAL SKATERS ENTERED IN SILVER SKATES MEET AT ARENA



1—John Bretz, winner of National Championship for the five-mile distance. 2—Adolph Furman, National Champion 220 yards. 3—Lamar Ottens, St. Louis Indoor Champion. 4—Harold Dubinsky, runnerup for State championship last year. 5—Harry Furman, long distance star. 6—Truman Connell, intermediate boys' champion of St. Louis, and third in National 220 yards. 7—Mel Dubinsky, runnerup to Ottens for the indoor championship. 8—Bee Slater, runnerup for both State and City championship last year. 9—Charleen Power, St. Louis Indoor Champion. 10—Jim Jameson, won his heat in every race at Oconomowoc, Wis. 11—Elsie Laskowitz, Missouri State Women's Champion.

Sunset Pass

by Zane Grey

CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE.

MY must have had certain duties as a hostess, for she slipped away from Rock and mingled with the laughing, curious assemblage. He made no effort to follow.

Rock remained at the entrance to the patio, and was standing close to the wall, when a small party entered the corridor and came quickly down. There appeared to be half a dozen youths in nondescript masquerade, and several girls, two of whom, attired in white, stood out prominently.

"Look!" spoke up a woman to her neighbor on a bench near Rock. "That girl in white. Colonial wedding-gown! Isn't she just lovely? Who can it be?"

It struck Rock that the girl in the wedding-gown was certainly worth looking at. At first she did not appear to be masked at all, but as she drew closer he saw that she wore a close-fitting mask, scarcely any whiter than her powdered face. Her hair was done up in some amazing style, as a cold-shouldered woman, and her eyes had an exquisite contour, likewise were of a dazzling whiteness. The gown, one of those hoop-skirted, many-ruffled affairs Rock had seen in pictures, took up the space of three ordinarily dressed women. Indeed, there appeared scarcely space enough for the girl to pass him.

Trueman flattened himself against the wall, as he had observed the two cowboys do. Nevertheless, the young lady so magnificently dressed did not seem to sweep her skirts to avoid contact. She came on. Rock could not determine whether or not her face was beautiful, but he faintly imagined it was. The momentary halting of the party, evidently to choose a direction, brought this C' onial masquerader so close to Rock that he meant to step forward and allow her more room. But she seemed to be looking at him, though her eyes were hardly discernible. He felt suddenly rooted to the spot.

THEY turned, some of them laughing, and the wonderful girl in white pressed close to Rock in passing, still apparently gazing at him. As the soft, fluffy, perfume'd gown swept him, Rock felt a hand touch his—slip a folded paper into his palm with quick pressure. Then she passed and he leaned there staring. She vanished with the others.

Rock's trembling fingers tightened on the paper. It was a note. That girl had been Thiry. In one glance he saw the reason of his desire, and he had been far indeed from returning the compliment. What a joke on him!

Rock peered into his palm at the note, then rushed off to find a light by which he could read it. All the swinging lights were Chinese lanterns and those stationary on the walls were dimmed by colored paper. Finally he found one under which he thought he could discern the writing, and here, after a keen glance, he opened the compliment.

(Continued Monday.)

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Smoke Velvet Jacket.

Mme. Jean Charles Worth, wife of the Parisian designer, is among smart women who are adopting smoke as a new color for evening. She appeared at the grand gala of the colonial exhibition at the opera in a gown of pale gray chiffon topped with a smoke gray velvet jacket that had a collar of gray fox.

The Correct Way

The proper method of hanging stockings means a great deal to the life of the sheet. While still wet, shake them well, then hang them with the hems together, the edges of the hem pinned to the hems. This method will frustrate wintry winds and prevent torn corners, besides being much easier to iron, as they will dry perfectly even.

Keeps Out the Winter Air

If the mattress on the bed is not satisfactory as to fit and quality, place a layer of newspapers between the springs and the mattress. They will keep out all air from underneath and make the bed much more comfortable.

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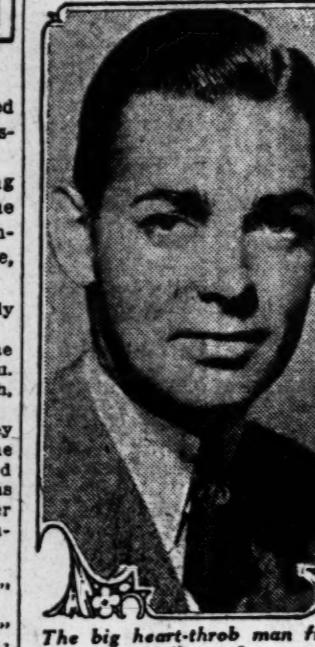
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Clark Gable Lands in the Hearts of the Feminine Fans Despite Large Ears and Homely Face—He Was Lumberjack and an Oil Field Worker.



The big heart-throb man from Hollywood.



The first Mrs. GABLE . . . taught Clark elocution.



Posing for his first photograph.



CLARK GABLE when he left home to be an actor . . . found himself sawing wood.

put in two years as a trouper with the company—until it stranded at Butte, Mont.

COMPLETELY broke, Clark

sold an extra suit, and "hit the rods" for the Pacific Coast.

He was an old white frame house, a box-like structure with wooden stairs to the second floor on the outside. The title of the card says: "Birthplace of Clark Gable, Feb. 1, 1911."

Clark is proud of the stalwart, broad-shouldered movie star who is being publicized as the logical successor to Rudolph Valentino, Bill Hart, and John Gilbert. Proud also of his birthplace, O. 1,000 miles across the hills from Cadiz, where Gable was raised from the time he was 2 years old. He is his chief claim to fame. Numerous are the people in the two towns who "knew him when" who are rummaging among the old albums and letters in the attics for long-discarded pictures of the movie idol as a child or youth.

"Doc" John S. Campbell, who officiated at Gable's birth, and Mrs. J. A. Reeser, his nurse, are proud of the boy who was born in their home.

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DAILY STORY
FOR
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Mary Graham Bonner

The Standing Sleep
A pilot now came for John and Peggy and told them that they wanted to take them back to New Zealand for a while. "I certainly won't object," John decided.

"I like it," Peggy said.

"Good!" exclaimed the pilot. "You must have seen the bird in a standing sleep."

John and Peggy at once started in their plane. It was daylight then.

The bird wakes up at night," the pilot said, "and I thought we'd see him when he was sleeping."

"He's a bird, but he cannot fly. He is often called the wing-

one. I believe you saw him once, months ago, when he was flying around. But you must see while he is asleep in the day-

You know he takes care of baby egg after his mate has it, but when I say 'baby egg' I mean that it is the egg that becomes the baby Kiwi. It is a very large egg.

Oh, here we are!"

And now they saw the Kiwi. He was sleeping while standing. He was resting on his long neck the way a person sits on a stick or cane, but not quite sound asleep.

I believe he had had a good meal of earthworms and is enjoying this rest," the pilot said.

But John couldn't sleep over the carelessness of Mrs. Kiwi. He does not unlike a large chicken, with loosely arranged feathers, and had a very, very long beak.

"I'm a good sleeper," John said. "I could never sleep that well. I think I'll have to try it some-

Only you haven't any break on which to rest!" Peggy laughed.

Healthy and Pretty

On these days of overheated sun the bowl of water containing growing bulbs or plants is useful as well as pretty. The operation of the water takes some of the dryness out of the atmosphere.

An easy way to dry the wringer after washing is to run a heavy dry cloth through it. It will dry parts easily and well.

PHOTOPLAY THEATERS

If you ask
My Opinion
by Martha Carr

EAR MRS. CARR: We think it only fair, since the boys were old enough to answer Jamie's question, as to a boy's opinion about the kind of girl they like best, that the girls send in letters describing the type of boy they desire.

ADREN. LEONARD. RUSSELL.

Well, boys, that is just what they have done and here they are:

DEAR MRS. CARR: We can't let this occasion slip by without expressing my views pertaining to "Jamie's" question about that kind of girls men like.

After all, are these men whose opinions have been published a credit to this country? I would advise Jamie not to take them too seriously.

A shorter method of getting quick results would be to write each man she meets in person, or take up psychology.

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Every man has definite tastes, and it is up to him to use her own discretion in the best way to please one particular man. Because a girl is willing to kiss one man is no particular indication that she will do so with all or any, although most of us are of this opinion or come to this conclusion. This is a point which I think not worth discussing since our viewpoints are so varied, and it depends on the girl and man who are considering it.

Why is it the general opinion that when a girl likes to have a good time she is gold digging?

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Men seem to like girls who are active in sports just enough to be able to discuss them.

This does not necessarily mean that a man who is not good at sports is not a good sport.

Men like a girl to talk of her former dates, yet they are attracted to a girl who has them. How does a girl manage to be "different" even if she is unusually intelligent and beautiful? I have noticed that the most popular girls are the most affected. In cases, the poorest sport among girls. It seems to be every girl for herself.

OBSEVER.

DEAR MRS. CARR: I like a young man who has an honest outlook on life, who likes to have a good time, but doesn't go to extremes about drinking, smoking, and peeing, and who does not let his manner depend on foolishness. I like a man who is loyal and who respects his parents; one who seems to be ashamed of his mother or dad because they dress old-fashioned or are not up-to-date in their table manner. The man I prefer doesn't have to be a car, or be the best dresser in town; but he does have to be neat, clean and, above all, honest and respectable. I am 22 years old and have not yet found a man who could come up to these standards.

Let me also add that "Just Old-fashioned" sure handed a big order. That girl hasn't been born yet.

JUNE.

Varnish the insides of bureau and dresser drawers. This will prevent warping and sticking, besides acting as a warning to moths.

BLUE EYES.

DEAR MRS. CARR: I am writing to the boy who signs himself "H. E. S.", who likes to have a wholesome, clean time, and who doesn't like a girl who thinks she is making herself popular by getting. I can't seem to find a boy like that. I can't seem to find a boy who is satisfied to go out with him if he can't get half of the evening.

I am five feet, three inches tall, have black wavy hair and some wavy hair. I love to dance, jive, skate, swim, play tennis and go to hockey and football games. I am 18 years old. Maybe some day I'll meet that kind of man but I doubt it.

MURRAY.

DEAR MRS. CARR: I think these boys are sensible, but I want to say boys like these are rare as the kind of girls I admire.

Among the hideous things for a girl to do are: bad faces, loud voices, careless English, pushing over boys and, above all, trying to attract men's attention. As for smoking and drinking, I think that is out of the question. And then, most men are so conceited because shallow brained flappers throw their hats at them. I don't think a girl should be a wall flower or a sweet touch-me-not, but I do think men should be more considerate of girls who are tame. While we are all human, why can't we be natural?

For young people today who are not too much suggest, and you review carefully and thoughtfully the "Courtship of Miles Standish." Note the difference in real love and our twentieth century. John Alden is my ideal.

OLD MADA.

DEAR MRS. CARR: I have brothers and I know a boy's likes and dislikes. I know that a girl who is 20 years old (and is not a man-hunter) who has no men friends, is bound to become desperate. So the first man who looks promising she falls easily in love with. If he is a genuine boy, he will treat her well, but first give her a chance to get away! Men like to run after. Many a girl would have caught her man if she had let him do the running and the courting. If you don't believe me, listen in on some of the fellows when they are having a friendly chat. Dopt. girls, show them how much you like them!

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KMOM—Scrappy Lambeth; Beegie Hilltop and Orchestra (chain). Also WGN, WCCO, KMBC, WOVO.

WIL—Studio.

WABC—Arthur Jarrett and Rich's Orchestra (chain). Also WCCO, WOW, KMBC.

KSD—Helen Downey and Tony Wong (chain). Also KMBC, WCCO.

WIF—Snoop and Peep (chain).

WIL—Music Room.

KWK—Clara, Lu and Em (chain). Also WJZ, WGN, KYW, KUKA.

KMOM—Alexander Gray, bartone, and orchestra (chain). Also WBBM, WCCO, KMBC.

WIL—Rhythmica.

KSD—Frank Luther, tenor, and Rodenich's orchestra (chain). Also WGN, WSB, WWS.

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WIL—Folies program and Lavender Nettle burlesque.

KMOM—Orchestra and vocal.

WIL—Talks.

KMOM—Abe Lyman's Band and Comedy Team (chain). Also WGN, WCCO, KMBC, KFAB.

WIL—Orchestra.

KSD—Radio in Education (chain). Also KYW, WOC, WDAF, WSM, WSB, KOA, KSTP.

WIL—Folies program and Lavender Nettle burlesque.

KMOM—Orchestra and vocal.

WIL—Dream Boat.

KSD—Rudy Vallee's Orchestra (chain). Also WEF, WOC, WGN, KOA, WJZ, WDAF, WDBF.

WIL—Koaloo, Moreno, serenader.

KWK—Studio.

KSD—Ralph Kirby, baritone, Coon Sanders' Orchestra (chain). Also WEF, WOC, WGN, KOA.

KSD—Muelenbrock's Orchestra.

WJZ—WREN—Piano Recital (chain).

WIL—Bailey's Orchestra.

The Kitzes.

Pror's Band.

Lady Play Your Mandolin (chain).

Two Love Birds (chain).

Auf Wiederschein (chain).

The Blue Danube (chain).

Strauss' Beloved (chain).

There's Religion in Ruthie (chain).

Robins' Revels (chain).

Silver Friends (chain).

Swing Low, Sweet Charley (chain).

Spirituals (chain).

Final Hungarian (chain).

Band and orchestra.

WLS—Part of the performance of Von Photow's "Martha."

With the leading roles from the stage of the Chicago Opera House (chain). Also KOAL, WREN—Salsipép, with Virgilio Lazzari, will sing the "solo, Prologue."

UNIONS DRAFT
PAY CUT PLAN
THEY THINK
ACCEPTABLE

They Will Present New Proposal to Railway Presidents at Conference to Be Held in Chicago This Morning.

THOUGHT TO AGREE
TO 10 PCT. SLASH

Executives Have Steadily
Insisted on This—Men
Drop Demand That No
Reduction Shall Be At-
tempted Next Year.

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—A program
which David B. Robertson, chair-
man of the labor delegation, said
he was confident would be ac-
ceptable to the railway executives,
was unanimously approved tonight
by members of the railway unions.

Although details of the program
were not disclosed by Robertson,
the executives have previously re-
fused to compromise on their de-
mand for a 10 per cent cut in
wages for one year and it was gen-
erally thought union representa-
tives had decided to accede to this
demand, with possibly a few minor
reservations.

When told that Robertson had
expressed the opinion that the pro-
gram would be acceptable to the
carriers, C. E. Defney, president of
the Erie Railroad, said: "In
that event the program must pro-
vide for acceptance of the 10 per
cent cut." The carriers are not
disposed to compromise at that
point. The unions have been ap-
prised of this and if Robertson is
confident of the concurrence of
the carriers, the unions no doubt
plan acceptance of the cut."

One Demand Abandoned.

One of the principal union res-
ervations that had previously con-
tributed to deadlock the conference
—a demand that the roads agree
not to attempt further pay cuts at
the expiration of the projected
contract—was abandoned by the
unions.

The program will be presented
at a joint meeting of the two
groups called for 11 a. m. to-
morrow.

The proposals to which the rail-
roads have adhered throughout the
negotiations provide in part:

Ten per cent to be deducted
from each pay check for a period
of one year.

Basic rates to remain as a
present.

Arrangement to terminate au-
tomatically 12 months after the
plan becomes effective.

On the basis of such a cut, the
deduction would be saving of
\$215,000 a month to the carriers.

Executives' Offer.

In return for such a payroll re-
duction the carriers offered:

To negotiate on individual line
for the purpose of stabilizing em-
ployment as conditions may justify.

To recommend to the roads con-
trolling motor transportation com-
panies and forwarding agencies
that they employ fully paid re-
workers on their lines.

To refer to a joint commission
the subject of retirement in-
surance and dismissal wage.

To establish employment ne-
rears in New York, Chicago and
Washington.

The employers also have in-
dorsed a policy of creating reser-
ves when earnings are good with
the condition that they should not
be restricted to payroll reserves.

They have indorsed also the
policy of co-operation between
management and employees
without mention of company units
to which the labor organiza-
tion objected.

BOTTLE TRAVELS 2000 MIL
Gulf Stream Takes It to Scotland
Proving Theory.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The G.
Stevens Gulf canning company back
Scotland. William Van Allen,
signer of the Chrysler Building,
gained when he was en route to
last year from a reunion of former
Beaux Arts students in Paris.

Van Allen scratched his addi-
on a ship's menu, stuffed it in a
bottle and threw it into the
Stream. He has just got it back
from Millport House, Hynish, Tayside,
Argyllshire, Scotland. And the
name of the man who found it is
Rambell. Van Allen estimates
bottle traveled 2000 miles.

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Dreadful!

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Straight From the Shoulder

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In Again, Out Again

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